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Florence, Nov. 25. N. S.

LEtters from *Leghorn* give an Account of the arrival of a *Flushing* Caper into that Port, who brought with him a *French* Bark he had taken, which was bound for *Tetuan*, and had on board 10000 Dollars in Money, besides Goods. A violent Storm has driven ashoar near *Leghorn* two *French* Ships and a Bark; one of the Ships was broke in pieces, and the Storm continuing, there was little hopes of saving the other two Vessels.

Venice, Dec. 1. The *Germans*, since the taking of *Borgoforte* by the *French*, have removed the best part of the Provisions they had at *San Benedetto*, which is now too much exposed to be a proper Place for a Magazine. They continue to make Excursions into the Enemy's Country, and a Party of Hussars, which was lately sent out into the *Cremonese*, brought home 24 Mules laden with Goods of value. Count *Guldenlew*, General of the *Danish* Forces who are in the Emperor's Service in Italy, is gone for *Copenhagen*. Letters from *Mantua* say, the Duke of *Vendosme* has sent two Detachments to fortifie *Bonpuorto* and *Nouantola*. They write from *Rome*, that the Difference between Cardinal *Grimani* and the *Spanish* Ambassador is adjusted, through the Mediation of the Ambassador of *Venice*.

Thoorn, Dec. 4. The King of *Poland* returned hither the 21st of the last Month from *Saxony*. The great Council of the Nobility, appointed to be held here the 27th, met accordingly that day, there being present many Deputies from the *Greater Poland* and the Dutchy of *Lithuania*, and but few from the *Lesser Poland*; The former appear generally disposed to declare War against the *Swedes*, but have been prevailed with to hear the Proposals of the Emperor's Envoy, who offers his Master's Mediation for accommodating Matters, before they take any Resolution of this kind; and in the mean time the other Party hopes to be strengthened, by the Arrival of many of the Deputies who are not yet come, The Sieur *Oginsky*, who commands a considerable Body of the *Lithuanian* Nobility which is in Arms against the House of *Sapieha*, declares for War, and is on his way hither; but the Cardinal Primate, who is yet absent, is enclined to a Peace, and the same is earnestly desired by the Country, which is almost ruined by the Quarters and Contributions it is forced to give, as well to the *Saxon* Forces and those of the Crown, as to the *Swedish* Troops. The King of *Poland*, upon the Complaints which have been made to him by the States of *Prussia*, has resolved to ease them, by sending home two of his *Saxon* Regiments, and sending 4 more into *Lithuania*. We hear that some Dispute has happened at *Posen* between the *Saxons* quartered there and the Inhabitants, and that a Colonel of Foot and several Soldiers were killed. The Waters of the *Weissel* being now swelled to their former heighth, so that the *Swedish* Boats with Cannon and Ammunition may pass along very easily, their Troops are moving nearer to *Warsaw*, whither they have already sent Commissaries to demand Quarters and Provisions for their Subsistence, wherewith they also oblige the Country through which they pass to supply them. The King of *Poland* has made the Bishop of *Warmia* Great Chancellor of the Crown, the Sieur *Szembeck*, who was the Crown-Referendary, Vice-Chancellor, and Sieur *Czewsky* Referendary in his room.

Copenhagen, Dec. 12. An *English* Merchant Ship, called the *George of Ramsgate*, arrived here two days ago from *Riga*, being bound with Naval Stores for *Portsmouth*; the Master reports, that before he came away they had Advice, that the *Muscovites* had invested *Narva*. The *Muscovite* Ambassador at this Court says, he has an Account that his Master's Forces are returned from *Ingria* into *Livonia*, and have taken and plundered *Wolmar*, and defeated a Party of 500 *Swedes*, commanded by the Son of Major-General *Schlippenbach*.

Vienna, Dec. 6. On the 27th past Mr. Stepney, Envoy Extraordinary from Her Majesty of Great Britain, had Audience of the King and Queen of the Romans, to Congratulate them upon their happy Return, and the King's successful Campaign. That evening the Arch-Duke gave the Emperor and the whole Court an Entertainment in his own Apartment with an Opera and a Ball, where the Emperor and the Empress were pleased to dance, and the Arch-Duke did the Honour to Mr. Stepney, who was present there, to compliment him upon the Bravery which Her Majesty's Forces at Sea and Land had shewed the last Campaign. The English Gentlemen who are now in this Town had the particular Civility shewn them, of being admitted to this Entertainment. On the 30th *Te Deum* was sung here, with a treble Discharge of our Cannon, with 3 Vollies of small Arms, for the Success at Vigo. The Prince of Lichtenstein, Marshal of the Emperor's Court, made a great Entertainment on this Occasion, to which he invited Mr. Stepney and the English Gentlemen. Orders are sent to Major-General Solari to march from Kuffstein, on the Borders of Tirol, where he is at present with 1000 Imperialists, being part of those which he brought with him out of Guastalla, and to post himself between Saltzbourg and the River *Ens*, where he is to be joined by the Recruits designed for Italy, which he is to mix with the old Soldiers, and to form them into Battalions, to be commanded by the Officers that came from Italy to raise these Recruits, and others that were upon Half-pay. The rest of the Forces which are to be employed against the Elector of Bavaria are getting together with all possible expedition; and we have an Account, that the *Saxon* Troops designed for the same Service entred into *Silesia* the 23d past, and are by this time marching through *Bohemia* towards Passau. Letters from Poland say, the Secretary of the Embassy appointed by that Republick to offer their Mediation to the King of Sweden, who had been sent a second time to his Camp, to know if he would receive those Ambassadors, was returned to Warsaw with another denial, that Prince persisting in the Arguments he gave before, for his refusing to look upon them as Ambassadors of the Republick, they not being chosen by a General Diet, or to accept that Republick's Mediation, till he be satisfied whether it allows of the Hostilities committed against him by the Forces of the Crown.

Ratisbonne, Dec. 11. The Imperial Diet has at present under Consideration several Points relating to the Empires entring into the Grand Alliance. We have different Reports about the State of the Elector of *Bavaria*'s Health, some affirming that he has a violent Feaver, and others that it is only a great Cold. He is now at *Donauwerth*, with the Electoress. He has sent a Detachment of 6000 Men to the Upper Palatinate, out of which 1500 Horse and Dragoons have been sent into *Franconia*, where they obliged the Villages belonging to the Country of *Papenheim* to furnish them with Forage, from thence they proceeded to the Margraviate of *Anspach* with the same Design, but finding the Militia ready to oppose them, they retired into the Upper Palatinate. That Elector has also put a Regiment of Foot into *Scharding*, and another into *Brunau*, two considerable Passes on the *Inn*, which belong to his Electorate, and they will be reinforced by 3 Regiments more that are on their march; The rest of his Forces are quartered between the Rivers *Iller*, *Danube*, and *Iser*. It is said, he has declar'd, That he will march in Person against the Imperial Troops, upon the first Notice he shall receive of their having made an Irruption into his Country. The Imperialists on the other hand continue their Preparations for that purpose; a Battalion of their Foot having taken Post at *Passau*, whither more Forces are marching, in order to act on that side; and at the same time Count *Solari*, with another Body of the Emperor's Troops, will make an Attempt upon the Elector's Territories on the side of *Saltzbourg*.

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